



## Middletown Committee for the Arts

### Minutes

Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at 5:15 pm

Middletown Police Department • Valley Road • Middletown, RI 02842

Those present: Linda Phelan, Diane Kerins, Diana Skaggs, Diane Andrews, Sharon Morgera, Richard Cambra, Lisa Hansel, Amy Cordeiro

Those absent: Carmella Geer

- ❖ Call to Order
  - Meeting was called to order 5:17 pm
- ❖ Review and Approval of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 minutes
  - Minutes approved unanimously
- ❖ Oxbow Farms discussion
  - Regarding the ongoing project at Club Respect, Sharon Morgera and Diana Skaggs have begun preliminary self-portraits with the students. The Boys and Girls Club of Newport are providing the canvasses and paints. The next Club Respect meeting will be April 30<sup>th</sup>, which will be drawing day.
- ❖ Celebration of the Arts
  - Newport Tent will be charging the same price as last year.
  - The "Call for Artists" will appear in the Newport daily News
  - Discussion about having bakers as artists, as opposed to food vendors. Linda made motion have bakers as artists. Diana Skaggs seconded. Motion approved.
  - Amy Cordeiro brought a list of Middletown food vendors. List was updated to reflect new or closed businesses.
  - Lisa Hansel brought in a rough draft of the new rack card design. Vista Print will do the printing again this year. Cards will be ready for distribution by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Volunteer coordinator Richard Cambra is conferring with the Middletown Historical Society about event parking, opening of the Paradise School building.
- Demonstrations/Workshops: Linda will send a list of artist-vendors to Diane Kerins in order to contact artists for demos. Diane Kerins will contact Jesse from Villari's Martial Arts Studios for a demonstration or performance.
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- ❖ 501 © 3 discussion
  - Linda does not recommend a "fiscal agent", as they would have control over the distribution of any funds.
  - Establishment of a non-profit organization is expensive and the process is cumbersome.
  - Linda will investigate the town's "Friends of" (i.e. the Middletown Public Library) to find out their process of becoming a 501 © 3.
- ❖ Name Tags
  - Committee members agreed that they should have identifying name tags at the Arts celebration event.
- ❖ New Business
  - Amy Cordeiro will step down as vice-chair
  - Dianna Skaggs volunteered to fill the position.
  - Linda Phelan motioned to elect Dianna Skaggs as vice chair. Diane Kerins seconded. Motion approved.
- ❖ Next scheduled meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at the Middletown Police Station
- ❖ Meeting adjourned 6:17 pm